

South Carolina Board of Economic Advisors

Statement of Estimated State Revenue Impact

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Committee Requesting Impact: House MMP&MA

Bill Number: H. B. 3151

Bill Summary

A bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 7 to Chapter 38 of Title 44, so as to create the Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund (HSCITF) to be administered by the Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Commission under the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) for the purpose of awarding grants to individuals and programs to provide care and rehabilitative services to persons with head or spinal cord injuries, to provide for the members of the Commission and for their powers and duties; to amend Section [14-1-211](#), relating to court fees and their disbursement, including fees imposed for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs (DUI), so as to provide that funds designated from these fees must be credited to the HSCITF; and to repeal Article 5, Chapter 38, Title 44, relating to the South Carolina Spinal Cord Injury Research Board.

REVENUE IMPACT ^{1/}

This bill would not impact General Fund revenue. The bill is expected to raise DDSN earmarked funds by \$675,000 and correspondingly reduce MUSC earmarked funds by \$675,000 in FY 2007-08. It would not impact surcharge distributions retained by local jurisdictions in FY 2007-08.

Explanation

This bill repeals Article 5, Chapter 38 of Title 44, relating to the S. C. Spinal Cord Injury Research Board and creates the Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Commission in new Article 7. The current board is administered by Medical University of S.C. (MUSC), whereas the new commission would be under the DDSN. Accordingly, the bill shifts proceeds from respective \$100 court surcharges on DUI convictions under 14-1-211 subsection (A)(2), net of operating costs of local governments, from MUSC to the Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund (HSCITF) within DDSN.

Based on state accounting records, we estimate a total of \$675,000 in state allocations from these DUI conviction surcharges in FY 2007-08. This bill would therefore raise funds earmarked to the DDSN by \$675,000 and correspondingly lower funds earmarked to MUSC by \$675,000 in FY 2007-08. Since the bill does not alter the distribution of any surcharge proceeds to either the state General Fund or local governments, it would not impact these revenue sources in FY 2007-08.

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^{1/} This statement meets revenue impact requirements of Section 2-7-71 for a state impact by BEA, Section 2-7-76 for a local impact or Section 6-1-85(B) for an estimate of the shift in local property tax incidence by Office of Economic Research (OER).